

Ridgway on New Species of American Birds, etc.—A species of *Myiarchus*\* supposed to be from the Orinoco district of South America, is described as *Myiarchus coalei*. It is said to most resemble *M. nigriceps* ScL., and is from the collection of Mr. H. K. Coale. A new species of *Picolaptes* (*P. rikeri*) is described† from near Santarem, Lower Amazon, where it was recently collected by Mr. C. B. Riker. A new subspecies of *Cyclorhis* (*C. flaviventris yucatanensis*) is described‡ from three specimens taken in Yucatan.

Mr. Ridgway has also described a new Plumed Partridge from Sonora,§ under the name *Callipepla elegans bensoni*, based on five specimens taken by Lieut. H. C. Benson, U. S. A., in Sonora. Mr. Ridgway has also recorded a Woodpecker|| supposed to be a hybrid between Nuttall's Woodpecker and Gairdner's Woodpecker, which in "every feature of size, form, and coloration" is exactly intermediate between these two species.—J. A. A.

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## GENERAL NOTES.

The Common Murre (*Uria troille*) and the Razor-billed Auk (*Alca torda*) on the New England Coast.—Among some birds received by Mr. F. B. Webster from a gunner at Eastport, Maine, December 27, 1886, I found three Murres. They were in the flesh and evidently had been dead only a few days. With them were sent one Brünnich's Murre (*Uria lomvia*), and no less than twenty Razor-billed Auks. The latter occurred in great numbers at various points between Eastport, Maine, and Provincetown, Mass., during November and December, 1886; ordinarily they are not common. The Brünnich's Murre, usually an abundant visitor in the late autumn, has been apparently nearly wanting the past season.—WILLIAM BREWSTER, *Cambridge, Mass.*

Capture of the Razor-billed Auk at Norfolk, Virginia.—By request of Dr. A. K. Fisher I send to 'The Auk' the following note recording the capture of the Razor-billed Auk (*Alca torda*) in the vicinity of Norfolk, Virginia. I am not able to state by whom it was shot, nor the date, but it was about the 15th of October. The bird was a male, in fine plumage and good condition. This, I believe, is the first one taken so far south.—FREDERICK S. WEBSTER, *Washington, D. C.*

*Megalestris skua*.—In 'The Auk,' Vol. III, No. 4, Oct., 1886, p. 432, I recorded what I supposed to be the third occurrence of this species in North America. A previous record of two seen on Nantucket Shoals, Oct. 11, 1883, may be found in 'Notes on the Habits and Methods of Capture of Various Species of Sea Birds that occur on the Fishing Banks off the Eastern Coast of North America, and which are used for bait for catching Codfish by New England Fishermen,' by Capt. J. W. Collins (pp. 13 and 14, of separate, extracted from the Annual Report of the Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries for 1882, pp. 323 and 324).—WILLIAM DUTCHER, *New York City.*